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BOTRYCHIUM PARADOXUMPECULIAR MOONWORT

Peculiar Moonwort is a perennial with a single aboveground frond up to 15 cm tall. It is a glaucous green, somewhat succulent, and divided into two similar fertile segments of similar length that share a common stalk. The segments may be unbranched in small plants or branched in larger plants and are both bear grape-like sporangia. Mature fronds in July.

BOTRYCHIUM PARADOXUM is perhaps the easiest of moonworts to recognize in having 2 fertile frond segments, lacking a sterile segment. Other species can be mistaken for it if the sterile segment has been browsed or bears marginal sporangia.